

Comment Letter EE

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December 21, 2011

Matthew Schneider
County of San Diego
Department of Planning and Land Use
5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Diego County Wind Energy Ordinance
Amendment, November 2011

Dear Mr. Schneider:

The Campo Band of Mission Indians (Campo Band) provides these brief comments on the County's draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the amendments to San Diego County's (County) Wind Energy Ordinance. The Campo Band supports the County's recognition of the importance of renewable energy projects to the federal and state goals of achieving energy independence and of producing significant amounts of energy from renewable sources. As you know, renewable wind energy facilities have been operating on the Campo Band's Reservation for a number of years and the Band is in the process of obtaining approvals to install additional wind-turbine energy-generating facilities.

EE-1

Although the Campo Band supports the goals expressed in the DEIR of fostering alternative energy projects, the Campo Band disputes some of the analysis in the DEIR concerning the alleged impacts of these projects which forms the basis for the proposed Ordinance. The Campo Band recognizes and reiterates that the proposed Ordinance would not apply to facilities on its Reservation because. As a sovereign nation, the Campo Band has jurisdiction over these projects and must apply tribal laws and applicable federal laws to such projects. Those laws provide adequate regulation of wind energy projects.

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EE-3

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monique La Chappa".

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Response to Comment Letter EE

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- EE-1** The County acknowledges this comment appreciates the Campo Band's support of renewable energy efforts.
- EE-2** It is not clear from this comment what specific impacts and issues the Campo Band disagrees with or why. It should be noted that environmental impacts from wind turbine projects were not the basis of the proposed ordinance. The County is proposing to update the ordinance due to (1) recent State legislation, (2) new current technologies, and (3) increased demand for small residential-scale turbines.
- EE-3** The County agrees that this ordinance would not apply to facilities on the Campo Reservation.

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